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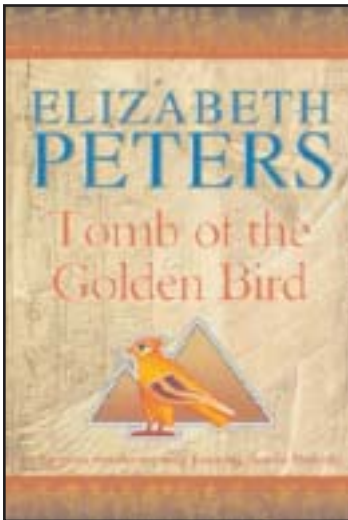
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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME CAN BE HAD BY ALL"

## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

### ELIZABETH PETERS

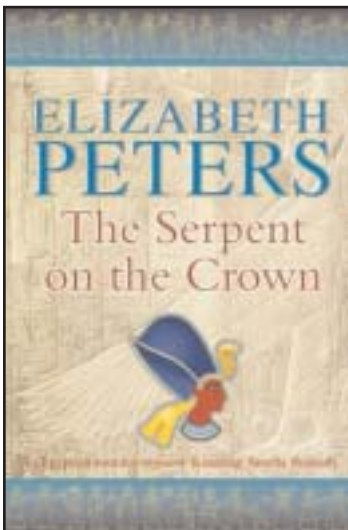
Two new titles from one of my favourite authors:



**Tomb of the Golden Bird** 354pp Hb 49.95

The chase is on – and Amelia Peabody and family are in the thick of it. It is 1922. Convinced that the tomb of the little-known pharaoh Tutankhamon lies somewhere in the Valley of the Kings, Emerson has tried to persuade his rivals Lord Carnavon and Howard Carter to hand over their digging rights in the valley to him, but to no avail. Emerson is disappointed, but back in Luxor, an incident at the Emerson-Peabody clan's hotel provides a distraction. Emerson and Ramses are lured into a trap by a group of villains demanding an answer to the mysterious question, 'Where is he?'. Their curiosity piqued, the duo determine to uncover who 'he' is and why 'he' should be so important. Is Emerson's charming half-brother behind these odd events? Or is Seth himself in danger, privy to a secret that certain governments do not want exposed? One thing is for sure, Emerson, Amelia and their dauntless family are in for another round of danger and excitement. The 18th in the series.

“Peters lays out her scenes of romantic derring-do with such a lavish hand that it seems a bit nerdy to draw attention to the deeper pleasure of the rich scholarship involved in these archaeological mysteries.”  
- *The New York Times Book Review*



**The Serpent on the Crown** 288pp Pb 21.95

A unique treasure obtained by unscrupulous means, the small gold statuette of an unidentified Egyptian king is a priceless relic from a bygone era. But more than history surrounds the remarkable artefact, for it is said that early death will come to anyone who possesses it.

Enjoying a world finally at peace, the Emersons have returned to the Valley of the Kings in 1922. With the lengthy ban on their archaeological activities lifted, Amelia Peabody and her family look forward to delving once more into the age-old mysteries buried in Egypt's ever-shifting sands. But a widow's strange story – and even stranger request – is about to plunge them into a storm of secrets, treachery, superstition... and murder. The 17th in the series.

The full series in order is **Crocodile on the Sandbank**, **Curse of the Pharaohs**, **Mummy Case**, **Lion in the Valley**, **Deeds of the Disturber**, **Last Camel Died at Noon**, **The Snake, the Crocodile and the Do**, **Hippopotamus Pool**, **Seeing a Large Cat**, **The Ape Who Guards the Balance**, **The Falcon at the Portal**, **Thunder in the Sky**, **Lord of the Silent**, **Golden One**, **Children of the Storm** and **Guardian of the Horizon** (Pb 21.95 ea).

- Peter

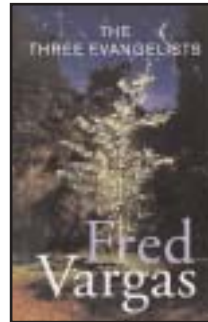
## CWA DAGGER AWARDS

**DUNCAN LAWRIE DAGGER**  
(formerly the Gold Dagger)



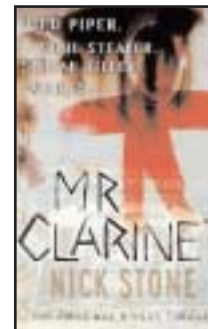
**Raven Black** by Ann Cleeves (Tp 32.95)

**DUNCAN LAWRIE INTERNATIONAL DAGGER**



**The Three Evangelists**  
by Fred Vargas (Tp 32.95)

**IAN FLEMING STEEL DAGGER**



**Mr Clarinet** by Nick Stone (Tp 29.95)

**GOLD DAGGER FOR NON-FICTION**

**Dagenham Murder:**

**Brutal Killing of PC George Clark 1846**

by Linda Rhodes et al

Tp 45.00 (approx) S/o only.

**NEW BLOOD DAGGER**

**Still Life** by Louise Penny (Pb 19.95)

**CARTIER DIAMOND DAGGER**

Elmore Leonard



### MODERN CRIME

Jake ARNOTT

Johnny Come Home 278pp Tp 32.95

It's 1972 and as the dreams of the 60s give way to anger and political unrest, the charismatic anarchist Declan O'Connell commits suicide, leaving his boyfriend Pearson and fellow squatter Nina to try to make sense of what happened. Enter 'Sweet Thing', a streetwise rent boy, who has an uncanny hold over glam rock star Johnny Chrome; and in the wings lurks DS Walker of the Bomb Squad, who knows more about O'Connell than anyone suspects. The course of all their lives is about to change forever - for better and for worse. (English)



Lori AVOCATO

Deep Sea Dead 297pp Pb 16.95

A *Pauline Sokol Mystery*. A confirmed landlubber, PI Pauline Sokol has never heard the call of the sea - or if she has, she didn't pay attention. But now the former RN is donning her nurse's whites once more to go undercover as part of the medical team of the *Golden Dolphin* - a lavish luxury liner that is setting sail for Bermuda. There's something fishy going on aboard the super-deluxe dinghy and it's Pauline's job to be the ship's designated secret snooper. But when a dead body turns up (in her cabin, no less!) and another nurse goes missing, Pauline realises she may be over her head in shark-infested waters. (American)

Robert BAER

Blow the House Down 297pp Tp 32.95

Former CIA operative Baer pushes fiction to the limit in this riveting and unnervingly plausible alternative history of 9/11. (American)

Colin BATEMAN

Belfast Confidential 500pp Pb 19.95

They say moving house is one of the most stressful things you can do. Well, as far as Dan Starkey is concerned, 'they' can stick it because right now helping his wife with the unpacking is the least of his worries. No sooner has Dan moved into his new Belfast home, his best mate, Mouse, is murdered, leaving him to catch a killer, become editor of the obscenely successful scandal magazine, *Belfast Confidential*, and compile its much-coveted Power List edition. (Irish)

Madison Smartt BELL

Straight Cut 253pp Pb 16.95

A freelance film editor, Tracy Bateman goes where the work is. So when his old partner calls with an assignment, Tracy finds himself on a plane to Rome. But there are surprises waiting for him - deadly surprises that lead him on a desperate chase across Europe into the hands of a pair of brutal drug smugglers and back to New York City, where the greatest betrayal of all awaits... 1986 (American)



Mark BILLINGHAM

Lifeless 464pp Pb 19.95

*Tom Thorne #5*. To his friends, his foes and even to himself, it looks as though Tom Thorne's career is on the skids. On his last case, he seriously overstepped the mark. Gardening leave has been suggested and all he has to tend is a window box. So when it appears someone is targeting London's homeless community, it seems perfectly natural for Thorne to take a step nearer the gutter and go undercover among them. He blends into the sometimes invisible community easily - too easily perhaps - but the information he gleans quickly proves that this is no random killer; it is someone with a very distinct purpose and a very specific list of victims. But the team supporting Thorne from the outside don't have the key as to motive or identity. (English)

Tim BINDING

Man Overboard 244pp Pb 22.95

*Lionel 'Buster' Crabb* became renowned during the WWII for his amazing feats of underwater daring. After the war, he was celebrated for embodying a particular English ideal - a love for King and Country - that seemed to be dying out. Then, in 1956, during a visit to Britain by Nikita Khrushchev, who had arrived by ship, Commander Crabb disappeared. Some thought he perished while attempting to inspect the Soviet vessel, others that he had been kidnapped and forced to work for the USSR. Out of this mystery, the author spins a wondrous piece of fiction. (English)

William BRODERICK

Gardens of the Dead 336pp Tp 29.95

*Father Anslem #2*. In *The Sixth Lamentation* (Pb 22.95), Broderick introduced Father Anslem, the barrister-turned-monk who found himself plunged into the tangled history of occupied Paris. Now Father Anslem is brought back to his own past at the Bar, and someone else's secrets. Elizabeth Glendinning QC has lost faith in the legal system to which she has given her life. In an attempt to restore it, she has secretly devised a scheme to bring a guilty man back to court - Graham Riley, whom she successfully defended 10 years previously. As part of an elaborate contingency plan, Elizabeth leaves the unsuspecting Anslem with a key to a safety deposit box, to be opened in the event of her death. Three weeks later, she is found dead in the East End of London. Once the box is opened, a chain of events is triggered as if from beyond the grave, and Anslem is led to fulfil what Elizabeth has begun. (English)

#### KEY

ACADEMIC

BANKING

CANINE DETECTIVES

CLERICAL

COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC

CULINARY/FOOD

FBI

FELINE DETECTIVES

FORENSIC

HORSE RACING MYSTERY

MEDICAL

MILITARY

NATIVE AMERICAN

POLICE PROCEDURAL

POLITICAL/LEGAL

PSYCHOLOGICAL

PRIVATE EYE

ROMANTIC SUSPENSE

SPORT

SPY

SUSPENSE/THRILLER

AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

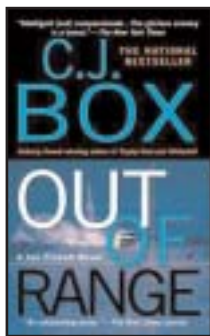
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**C J BOX****Out of Range** 307pp Pb 18.95 *Joe Pickett Novel*

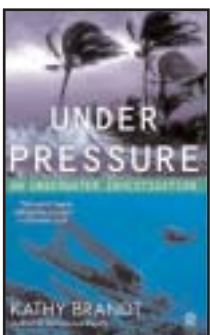
#5. Joe is attempting to enjoy - all right, survive - his mother-in-law's wedding to a local big-shot rancher when he receives some disturbing news: Will Jensen, a fellow Wyoming game warden and a good friend, has killed himself. And Joe has been picked to temporarily run Jensen's Teton district. The closer Joe comes to the truth about Will's death, the more his own life spirals out of control, and he realises that if he's not careful, he may end up as Jackson's next victim. (American)

**Joan BRADY** **Bleedout** 471pp Pb 19.95

Even after Hugh Freyl lost his sight, he was invincible. But late one night, in the library of the elite law firm that bears his name, he was beaten to death. The obvious suspect is David Marion, a convicted killer from the inner city. Hugh, the scion of the richest and most influential family in Springfield, Illinois, had orchestrated David's release from prison and outraged his family and friends by making the young man his protégé. Now, in the eyes of Hugh's circle, David's criminal past fits him perfectly for the murderer's role. It makes no sense for David to have killed his teacher, liberator and friend. But, if he didn't, who did? (American)

**Kathy BRANDT** **Under Pressure** 259pp Pb 16.95*Underwater Investigation #4.*

At 9:32 on a tropical morning, a 'puddle jumper' takes off into the skies over Tortola. At 9:39, not far from Detective Hannah Sampson's boat, it nose-dives into the water. Only moments later, Hannah and her partner are 60 feet below the surface, vying with reef sharks for survivors. Soon Hannah plunges into an investigation. Was one of the passengers a target? Who would want to kill a planeload of Caribbean tourists? Every lead turns out to be a dead end. And as Hannah copes with a 9-year-old survivor, a shady suspect, a shaky relationship and an approaching hurricane, she finds herself getting in too deep.... (American)

**Christopher BROOKMYRE** **All Fun and Games Until Someone**

**Loses an Eye** 416pp Pb 22.95

As a teenager, Jane Bell dreamt of playing in the casinos of Monte Carlo in the company of James Bond, but in her punk phase, she'd got herself pregnant and, by the time she reaches 46, she's a grandmother, her dreams as dry as the dust her Dyson sucks up from her hall carpet every day. Then her son Ross, a researcher working for an arms manufacturer in Switzerland, is forced to disappear before some characters cut from the same cloth as Blofeld persuade him to part with the secrets of his research. But they're not the only ones desperate to locate him. A team of security experts is hired by Ross's firm: headed by the enigmatic Bett, his staff have little in common apart from total professionalism and a thorough disregard for the law. Bett believes the key to Ross's whereabouts is his mother, and in one respect he's right, but even he is taken aback by the verve underlying her determination to secure her son's safety as she learns the black arts of quiet subterfuge and violent attack. (English)

**Sandra BROWN** **Chill Factor** 588pp Pb 19.95

Five women are missing from the sleepy mountain town of Cleary, North Carolina, and a blue ribbon has been left near where each woman was last seen. Lilly Martin has returned to Cleary to close the sale of her cabin. But when her car skids and strikes a stranger, Ben Tierney, as he emerges from the woods, they have no choice but to wait out a brutal blizzard in the cabin. And as the hours of their confinement mount, Lilly wonders if the greater threat to her safety isn't the storm, but the stranger beside her... (American)

**D W BUFFA** **Trial by Fire** 324pp Pb 19.95

Pastor and fireman Nick Foster found the body in the inferno engulfing his church. From the bullet wound in the head, it's clear this is no ordinary fire victim. The quiet community of Newpointe, reeling from the shock of the dead man's identity, struggles with the agonising question: Who did it - and why? (American)

**Agatha CHRISTIE** **Agatha Christie Years: 1950s Omnibus** 756pp Tp 39.95

A brand new omnibus, bringing together all four stand-alone novels Christie wrote in the 1950s - **They Came to Baghdad**, **Destination Unknown**, **Ordeal by Innocence** and **The Pale Horse**. (English)

**At Bertram's Hotel** 255pp Hb 30.00

A facsimile first edition hardback featuring Miss Marple. 1965 (English)

**Martina COLE** **The Take** 661pp Pb 19.95

Freddie Jackson thinks he owns the underworld when he gets out of prison. He's done his time, made the right connections and now he's ready to use them. His wife Jackie just wants her husband home, but she's forgotten the rows, the violence and the girls Freddie can't leave alone. Bitter, resentful and increasingly unstable, Jackie watches her life crumble, while her little sister Maggie's star rises. In love with Freddie's cousin Jimmy, Maggie is determined not to end up like her sister. Families should stick together, but behind closed doors, jealousy and betrayal can fester until everyone's life is infected. And for the Jacksons, loyalty cannot win out, because in their world, you can trust no one. Everyone is on the take. (English)

**Jennifer COLT** **The Mangler of Malibu Canyon** 367pp Tp 27.00

Twin sisters Kerry and Terry McAfee are well on their way to becoming LA's most notorious PIs. With their bright red hair, canine sidekicks and preferred mode of transportation - a hot-pink Harley - the girls are quickly getting a reputation for more than just sleuthing skills. So after nabbing the Butcher of Beverly Hills, they decide to take some time off and lay low for a while. But their rich Aunt Reba calls with the news that she's found a decapitated body in her new Malibu beach house. Kerry insists they call the police, partly because she hopes to catch a glimpse of her former flame, the hunky Detective John Boatwright. But no sooner do the cops begin investigating than Reba and the girls are shocked by the arrival of their Cousin Robert, carrying a blonde-haired head in a mesh bag, and with no memory of where he's been. (American)

**Brian COOPER** **Out with the Tide** 238pp Hb 49.95

Norfolk, January 1953. In the aftermath of the Great Storm that left many towns and villages flooded, ex-detective John Lubbock and his friend and protégé Chief Inspector Mike Tench find themselves investigating a double murder. Valerie Kingham has been found naked in a dinghy, a bullet hole in her forehead. A couple of days later, her husband is discovered dead at the foot of an old tower. There is no shortage of suspects - Valerie was having an affair with a local man, Giles Meredith, whose own wife had admitted to wanting to kill Valerie. Then there was the incident revolving around Kingham's career in India prior to his arrival in Norfolk, where he was charged with the murder of a Hindu servant. The truth, when it finally emerges, is very different from what Lubbock and Tench expect it to be. (English)

**Barbara D'AMATO****Death of a Thousand Cuts****386pp Pb 18.95**

The Hawthorne House was once known for its remarkable success rate with autistic children. Now, 15 years after it closed, former residents have returned to Hawthorne House for a reunion. But the gala event turns into a bloody nightmare when the House's revered founder, Dr Jay Schermerhorn, is found tortured to death in the mansion's basement... (American)

**Diana DIAMOND****Stepmother 375pp Pb 16.95**

65-year-old multi-millionaire

Steven Armstrong tells his three children he is going to re-marry. But his new bride is not the stepmother they have in mind. Charlene 'Charlie' Hendricks is his vivacious, 35-year-old personal trainer, the single-mother of a teenage daughter. To Steven's mid-life children, she is nothing but a gold digger. Days before the wedding, Charlie goes for a swim in the Atlantic Ocean, training for a triathlon. Out of nowhere, a mysterious figure on a jet ski shows up and makes an attempt on her life. The children head the list of suspects, but which one? (American)

**Gary DISHER****Dragon Man 282pp Pb 22.95**

Hal Challis #1. It's a scorching hot summer on the Mornington Peninsula and the police are preparing for the usual holiday madness. But this time it's not just petty theft and joyriding kids. There's a killer on the old Peninsula Highway and women alone are not safe. DI Hal Challis is up against it. 1999 (Australian)

**Carole Nelson DOUGLAS****Cat in a Hot Pink Pursuit****442pp Pb 16.95***Midnight Louis Mystery.*

What's a girl to do when she's forced to be, well, a girl? That's what's hotshot freelance PR lady and amateur detective Temple Barr has to do when, as a favour to top cop Carmen Molina, she goes undercover at *Teen Queen*, the newest pop star reality TV show, all in the hopes of protecting Molina's 13-year-old daughter. It's no picnic trying to be a teenager again, even after a punk makeover. To make matters worse, Temple is in danger of being uncovered by the show's celebrity judges, including her romance novelist aunt and arch-enemy, Crawford Buchanan. And just to make life more interesting, there are her fellow contestants, unnatural blondes aplenty who are all too willing to sabotage and backstab their way to the top. (American)

**Kate ELLIS****The Merchant's House****246pp Pb 19.95**

*Wesley Peterson Mystery #1.* Detective Sergeant (and amateur archaeologist) Wesley Peterson hoped that a transfer from the lively, but frantic, pace of London to the bucolic river port of Tradmouth would have a beneficial effect on both his personal and professional lives. But his first day on the job has hardly begun before he finds himself heading an investigation into the murder of an unidentified young woman whose face has been brutally disfigured. It's not long before Wes discovers that the Tradmouth force is as hopelessly overstretched as London's Met. In addition to the unidentified murder victim, the local police have been embroiled in a frantic search for a missing child. 1998 (English)

**Janet EVANOVICH****Eleven on Top 371pp Pb 19.95**

☞ Trouble seems to find Stephanie everywhere she goes. Once again, she's struggling with her tangled love life, chaotic family and God-given gift for destroying every car she drives. This time, Plum has decided to quit her job as a bounty hunter. She's tired of creeps, weirdos and stalkers. But just when she thinks she's out, they pull her back in! So fasten your seatbelt and hang on - Stephanie is back in town. (American)

**Monica FERRIS****Embroidered Truths****288pp Pb 16.95**

*Needlecraft Mystery #9.* After her friend Godwin is arrested for the murder of his boyfriend, Betsy sets out to prove him innocent. She finds that the victim had some dishonest dealings that made him a lot of money, and a lot of enemies. Now Betsy has to untangle a cat's cradle of lies if she's going to save Godwin before the murderer decides to cut off any loose ends for good. (American)

**Joseph FINDER****No Hiding Place (AKA Company Man)****584pp Pb 19.95**

☞ Nick Conover, the son of a factory worker, is the CEO of a major corporation in a company town. Once the most admired man in Fenwick, Michigan, he has recently presided over massive layoffs and is now the most despised. A single parent since the recent death of his wife, he struggles to insulate his 10-year-old daughter and angry, 16-year-old son from the town's hostility. Then his family is threatened by a nameless stalker, events spin quickly out of control and suddenly Nick is faced with a dead body and damning circumstances. (American)

**Jeffrey FORD****The Girl in the Glass****281pp Pb 29.95**

The Great Depression has bound a nation in despair and only a privileged few have risen above it: the exorbitantly wealthy and the hucksters who feed upon them. Diego, a 17-year-old illegal Mexican immigrant, owes his salvation to master grifter Thomas Schell. Together with Schell's gruff and powerful partner, they sail comfortably through hard times, scamming New York's grieving rich with elaborate, ingeniously staged séances. Then an impossible occurrence changes everything. (American)

**Karin FOSSUM****Calling Out for You****387pp Pb 19.95**

Gunder Jomann thinks his life has been made complete when he returns from a trip to India, a married man. But on the day his Indian bride is due to join him, she vanishes. Then the town is shocked by the news of an Indian woman found bludgeoned to death in a nearby meadow. Inspector Sejer and his colleague Skarre head the murder inquiry, cross-examining the townsfolk and planting seeds of suspicion in a community that has always believed itself to be simple, safe and trusting. For what can only have been an unpremeditated and motiveless act of violence, everyone is guilty until proven innocent. (Norwegian)


**Nicci FRENCH****Catch Me When I Fall****297pp Pb 19.95**

Holly Krauss lives life in the fast lane. A successful young businesswoman with a stable home life, she is loved and admired by all who meet her. But that's only one side of Holly. The other sees her take regular walks on the wild side, where she makes ever more reckless mistakes and her life starts to spiral out of control. She thinks she is being stalked and that someone is demanding money from her. Threats lurk around every corner and those closest to Holly are running out of patience. But is she alone responsible for what's happening? Are her fears just the paranoia of an illness or intimations of very real danger? (English)


**Ed GAFFNEY****Suffering Fools 289pp Pb 16.95**

Attorneys Zack Wilson and Terry Tallach - friends, partners, and complete opposites - have perfected the recipe for legal disaster. Begin with a fool for a client (a man who can't testify convincingly to his own name, much less to an alibi), add a couple of determined private investigators, then top up with a brave, beautiful police detective whose work only confirms that your client is impossible to defend. Then go to trial. (American)


**Tess GERRITSEN**

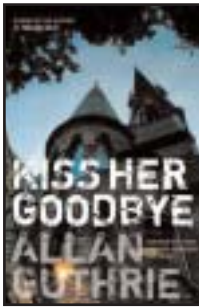
 **Life Support** 470pp Pb 19.95  
This bestselling author weaves utter medical authenticity into a novel of gripping suspense, as a young doctor probes too quickly into the sudden disappearance of a critically ill patient. 1997 (American)


**Edwina GREY**

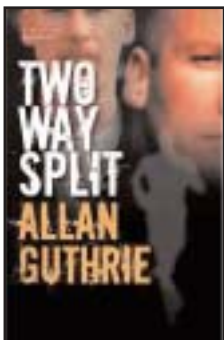
 **Prismatic** 362pp Pb 19.95  
In Sydney, the past lies close to the surface. History student Jacqueline Cooper is about to find out that not everything buried is dead. Two bodies bricked up in an old cellar, and a cache of mysterious old papers, lead her on a journey into a mysterious past. In 1919, Sydney is in the grip of the Spanish Flu, and perhaps something worse. Further back, in 1789, the tiny settlement hangs by a thread amidst starvation and smallpox, and seems beset by the forces of evil. When Jackie discovers the papers have been stolen and her flatmate - gone inexplicably insane - nearly kills her, she knows the history lesson just got real. (Australian)


**Allan GUTHRIE**

 **Kiss Her Goodbye** 236pp Pb 19.95  
When people in Edinburgh need to borrow money, they go to Cooper. When they don't pay it back, they get a visit from Joe Hope. Now Joe has troubles of his own. His teenage daughter has been found dead, an apparent suicide. Then the police arrest him for murder. But for once, Joe is innocent. With help from Scotland's hardest men - and one woman - he sets out to discover who framed him and to deliver his own brutal brand of justice. (Scottish)


**Allan GUTHRIE**

 **Two Way Split** 204pp Pb 15.95  
Robin Greaves is an armed robber whose professionalism is put to the test when he discovers his wife has been sleeping with a fellow gang member. Greaves plans the ultimate revenge, but things go from bad to worse when the gang bungles a post office robbery, leaving carnage in their wake. Suddenly they are stalked by the police, sleazy private eyes and a cold-blooded killer, who may be the only one not looking for a cut of the money. (Scottish)

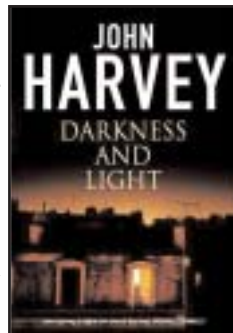
**Denise HAMILTON**


 **Savage Garden** 323pp Tp 29.95  
LA Times reporter Eve Diamond has been looking forward to a theatre date with her new man, Silvio Aguilar. But when the play's beautiful and notoriously unstable lead actress, Catarina Velosi, fails to appear, Eve learns that Silvio and the missing woman share a complicated past. A messy scene at Catarina's house suggests she may have been abducted - or worse. When it becomes clear that Silvio is no stranger to the actress's home, or her bed, Eve must stifle her own feelings of betrayal, and fight to clear his name. She knows Silvio is innocent, doesn't she? (American)

**John HARVEY**


 **Darkness and Light** 357pp Tp 32.95

*Frank Elder #3.* Former cop Frank Elder is once more drawn out of retirement by a phone call from his ex-wife, this time asking him to look into the disappearance in Nottingham of her friend Jennie's older, widowed sister Claire. Elder reluctantly agrees to return to the city where his family disintegrated. Elder soon uncovers sexual secrets of Claire's that take Jennie by surprise. But when Claire is found dead at home, unmarked and carefully dressed, it is Elder who is surprised by the similarities to an old case. To solve the riddle, Elder has to re-partner with another person from his past, DI Maureen Prior, and delve into several suspects' own traumatic histories. (English)

**Ronnie HEWITT**

 **The Sawman** 331pp Tp 23.00  
This is a dark, moody psychological thriller. The author has created a fascinating new character to add to the pantheon of great detectives and crime-solvers: Rob Ahearn, a criminal psychologist and profiler whose unique 'gift' enables him to identify perpetrators even when there is apparently no evidence of their crime. In the case of 'The Sawman', Ahearn discovers that the victims of the gruesome murders are even more evil than the perpetrator and he finds himself deliberating whether the murders are in society's best interest. As he wrestles with this moral dilemma and relives each shocking death, his struggle to find the answer almost unhinges him. (English)

**Georgette HEYER**

 **Blunt Instrument** 293pp Pb 22.95

When Ernest Fletcher is found bludgeoned to death in his study, everyone is shocked and mystified: Ernest was well-liked and respected, so who would have a motive for killing him? Enter Superintendent Hannasyde who, with consummate skill, begins to uncover the complexities of Fletcher's life. It seems the real Fletcher was far from the gentleman he pretended to be. There is, in fact, no shortage of people who wanted him dead. Then a second murder is committed, with striking similarities to the first, giving a grotesque twist to a very unusual case. 1938 (English)

**Linda HOWARD**

 **Killing Time** 330pp Pb 19.95

In 1985, with much fanfare, a time capsule was buried under the front lawn of a small-town county courthouse, to be reopened in 2085. But just 20 years later, in the dead of night, the capsule is dug up, its contents stolen. That same night, one of the contributors to the capsule is brutally slain in his home - with no sign of forced entry or any indication of a struggle. One by one, others who had placed items in the time capsule are murdered. Besides his suspicions about the sudden, mysterious appearance of Nikita Stover, the chief investigator, Knox Davis, has absolutely no leads. And while Nikita's no murderer, she seems to be hiding plenty of secrets. (American)

**Elisabeth HYDE**

 **The Abortionist's Daughter** 285pp Tp 32.95

Two weeks before Christmas, Diana Duprey, an outspoken abortion doctor, is found floating in her pool, a bruise the size of a golf ball visible through her dark curls. A national figure, Diana inspired passion and ignited tempers, never more so than on the day of her death. Her husband, Frank, an attorney in the DA's office for more than 20 years, had fought bitterly with her on the day of her murder. Yet to reveal the nature of their fight would cost him not only his career, but something even greater - a relationship he will go to any lengths to protect. (American)

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**Greg ILES**

 **Blood Memory 494pp Pb 19.95**  
Forensic expert 'Cat' Ferry is suspended from an FBI task force when the world-class odontologist is inexplicably stricken with panic attacks and blackouts while investigating a chain of brutal murders. Returning to her Mississippi home town, Cat finds herself battling with alcohol, plagued by nightmares and entangled with a married detective. Then, in her childhood bedroom, some spilled chemicals reveal two bloody footprints... and the trauma of her father's murder years earlier comes flooding back. (American)

**Arnaldur INDRIDASON**

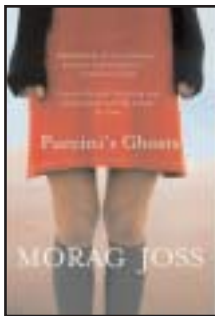
 **Silence of the Grave 290pp Pb 21.95**  
Downtrodden detective Erlendur and his team must once again investigate Reykjavík's hidden past to unravel a case of human nastiness. Alive with tension and atmosphere and disturbingly real, this is an outstanding continuation of the Reykjavík Murder Mysteries. (Icelandic)


**Matti JOENSUU**

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There have been a strange succession of deaths at the Helsinki tube stations. The police are baffled: there are no witnesses and the CCTV tapes show nothing. Detective Sargeant Timo Harjunpaa of the Helsinki Violent Crimes Unit has seen more than his fair share of the seamier side of human nature, but the forces of evil have never before crossed his path. It emerges that his adversary is a deluded, but dangerous, character living in an underground bunker in the middle of an uninhabited Helsinki hillside. (Finnish)

**Morag JOSS**

 **Puccini's Ghosts 389pp Pb 19.95**  
It is the summer of 1960 and 15-year-old Lila's life is about to change forever. Set free from the confines of school, her new prison is the small, unremarkable town of Bumhead on the west coast of Scotland. She dreams of escape: from Bumhead, from the damp, from her mother's hysterics, her father's stolidity, and her parents' loveless marriage. Salvation arrives in the form of her beloved Uncle George, a music teacher from London who decides to stage an amateur production of Puccini's *Turandot*. Lila, in love for the first time, maps out a future for herself in which reality and fantasy fuse to form a dangerous mixture, threatening to destroy herself and all those around her. (Scottish)


**Jack KERLEY**

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**Raymond KHOURY**

 **The Last Templar 545pp Pb 19.95**  
1291 AD, Acre. As the city burns under the onslaught of the Sultan's men, the Falcon Temple sets sail, carrying a small band of knights and a mysterious chest entrusted to them by the Order's Grand Master. But the ship vanishes without a trace... Present day New York. At the Metropolitan Museum, four horsemen dressed as Knights Templar storm the gala opening of an exhibition of Vatican treasures and, in a brutal and bloody attack, steal an arcane medieval decoder. For FBI agent Sean Reilly and archaeologist Tess Chaykin, this is just the start of a deadly game of cat and mouse as they race across three continents to solve a centuries-old mystery and track down the ruthless killers... (English)


**Diana KILLIAN**

 **Sonnet of the Sphinx 325pp Pb 14.95**  
*A Poetic Death Mystery.* For one of Innisdale's residents, a priceless sonnet means poetic licence to kill... Grace Hollister's stay in England's picturesque Lake District has proven doubly fruitful - the American literary scholar just sold her first book and her romance with charming antiques dealer and ex-jewel thief Peter Fox has begun a new chapter. Sorting through a hoard of papers found in an old farmhouse, Grace and Peter discover an old letter that refers to a lost Shelley sonnet, *Sate the Sphinx*. But before Grace can start tracking down this poetic treasure, Peter's shady past rears its head - a particularly ugly head, belonging to a menacing Turk who is eager to see Peter dead. (American)


**Danny KING**

 **Milo's Run 247pp Pb 19.95**  
Petty thief Darren Mile has finally scored some real money: a hundred grand in used notes, and it's all tax-free. But if he ever hopes to spend a penny of it, he'd better shake off the angry cops who are in hot pursuit and more than a little curious as to how he got hold of it. Milo and his partners-in-crime, Goody and Patsy, have a 30-second head-start, a stolen motor and absolutely no idea where they're going. All they know is: they have to get as far away as humanly possible, by any means possible, and they can't stop - not even for a second. (English)


**J A KONRATH**

 **Bloody Mary 338pp Pb 16.95**  
*Jack Daniels Mystery #2.* Like **Whiskey Sour** (Pb 17.95), this novel offers a heady mix of humour and tension. This time, Jacqueline Daniels (Jack) and her partner Herb work to end the career of a nasty serial killer, while also dealing with Herb's amusing midlife crisis and Jack's psycho cat, Mr Friskers. (American)

**Roberta KRAY**

 **Debt 351pp Pb 19.95**  
An anonymous phone call was all it took to alert the police to a body at The Palace. Now, 18 years later, Johnny Frank is coming out of jail with only one thing on his mind - to kill the man who put him there. But first he's going to make him suffer. Jim Buckley has got everything that Johnny doesn't: a marriage, kids, a future. Moving in on his life, Johnny subtly begins to spread rumour and suspicion. Dividing husband and wife, father and son, he sets about his intention of destroying the family from inside out. But his plans soon go dramatically awry. As the past returns to haunt him, a vicious murder and kidnap force him back on to the streets of London. He could choose to disappear if it wasn't for Simone. Buckley's provocative daughter-in-law has got under his skin, and with her husband's life in the balance, it seems she may be willing to do just about anything to persuade Johnny to help her... (English)

**William LASHNER**

 **Falls the Shadow 516pp Pb 19.95**  
A beautiful young woman is dead, her husband convicted of the murder. In seeking a new trial for the husband, DA Victor Carl must confront not only a determined prosecutor and a police detective who might have set up his client, but also a strange little busybody named Bob. Bob has the aspiration, one could even say compulsion, to help those around him. It usually works out well for all concerned, except when it ends in blood. But Victor doesn't know that... yet. (American)

**Martin LIVINGS****Carnies** 322pp Pb 19.95

The small south-west Australian town of Tillbrök has a secret, one that has been kept for over 100 years. The Dervish Carnival is run by people who are neither human nor animal, but live in the woods and howl at night... (Australian)

**Gabrielle LORD****Dirty Weekend** 540pp Pb 19.95

An early-morning phone call shatters Jack McCain's sleep. As Chief Forensic Scientist for the Australian Federal Police, he knows that violent criminals don't keep office hours, but three murders in quick succession draw him into investigations that threaten to change his life forever. (Australian)

**Peter LOVESEY****The Circle** 358pp Pb 19.95

Van driver Bob Naylor, a jingle writer, joins the Chichester Writer's Circle, despite fears he will be shunned by literary snobs. Instead, he finds himself plunged into the midst of a circle of murder victims and murder suspects - including himself. Inspector Henrietta Mallin is the investigator in charge of the case and, with Bob's help (and despite other would-be sleuths' hindrance), she unravels the sinister secret of the circle. (English)

**Stuart MACBRIDE****Cold Granite** 581pp Pb 19.95

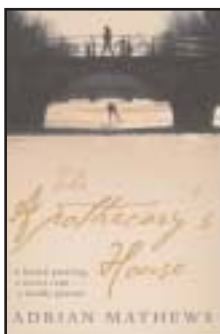
After a long recuperation from a stab wound, DS Logan McRae's first night back on duty in Aberdeen, Scotland, takes him to a crime scene where the body of a missing boy has been found on a riverbank. To the horror of even the most experienced cops on the job, all the details point to a ritualistic murder - a serial killer. Then 24 hours later, another child goes missing... (Scottish)

**Pat MACENULTY****Time to Say Goodbye** 277pp Pb 22.95

When a motel maid in Galnesville, Florida is brutally murdered, Detective Rodney Eills believes the crime may be linked to three 25-year-old murders. Then another woman disappears and Eills discovers a connection that his superiors don't want him to pursue. Working on his own time, he follows a lead to a realtor in North Carolina. Another kidnapping takes him back to Florida and into the eye of a hurricane, where he must battle the elements to save lives. (American)

**Adrian MATHEWS****The Apothecary's House** 706pp Pb 22.95

When an old woman storms into the Rijks Museum demanding the return of her painting, archivist Ruth Braams cannot quell her curiosity. She delves into the history of the piece of looted Nazi art, and discovers an enigmatic picture with a disturbing wartime provenance. It also appears that the elderly Lydia is not the only claimant and, against strict bureau regulations, Ruth endeavours to help strengthen her case. Days later, she begins to receive sinister anonymous threats, warning her to stay away from Lydia, and the painting. As the threats escalate, Ruth realises that there must be far more to the painting's popularity, and she enters into a series of increasingly lethal adventures as she investigates its secret symbolism. (English)

**Ed McBAIN****Fiddlers** 229pp Pb 19.95

It started with the blind violinist - shot twice through the head at point-blank range in the alley outside his dingy restaurant. But it's only when the omelette lady gets shot with the same gun in the same way 24 hours later that the 87th Precinct really starts to sit up and take notice. But Steve Carella and the boys at the Precinct always seem to be one step behind the killer, and are unable to prevent the death toll rising. The trouble is, while the gun is the same, none of the victims seem to be related in any way. And why is the killer heard to introduce himself as 'Chuck' before pumping two bullets into their bodies? (American)

**Iain McDOWALL****Killing for England** 305pp Pb 19.95

Jacobson & Kerr Mystery #4. Chief Inspector Jacobson and DS Kerr had been on leave when the body of a young black man, Darren McGee, had been fished out of the River Crow. The autopsy had pointed to suicide by drowning. But now Darren's cousin, Paul Shaw, is in town: a top-notch investigative journalist with an axe to grind and a claim that Darren had really been the victim of a racially-motivated murder. Jacobson isn't convinced. But when Paul Shaw turns up as dead and as terminally-wet as his cousin, Jacobson and Kerr are faced with a baffling double-murder to investigate. (English)

**D R MEREDITH****Murder by the Book** 244pp Pb 16.95

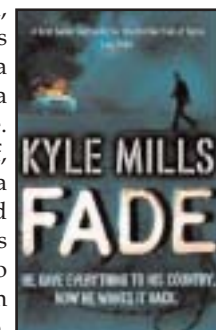
*Murder by the Yard Mystery #5.* When a client is accused of murder, Lara's investigation leads her to the Orkney Islands off the northeast coast of Scotland, where she is pulled into a centuries-old Viking saga and a troubling quest that could end in danger - and rewrite history. Librarian Megan Clark discovers a series of corpses, making her the prime suspect. To clear her name, she'll need to find the killer, who's obviously been boning up on Agatha Christie novels. Could it be a member of her own book club? (American)

**Alan MILLS****The Raft** 504pp Pb 19.95

It should have been a simple holiday in far north Queensland. A chance for Martin and Lydia Napier to repair their faltering marriage. A time-out with their young daughter Ami from a pressured city life. It should have been ... But the brutal power of nature means a drastic change of plans for the Napier family when they're forced to flee rising floodwaters. Within hours the family find themselves marooned with a small group of survivors on the roof of an isolated farmhouse, with dwindling hopes of rescue and a killer in their midst... (Australian)

**Kyle MILLS****Fade** 427pp Pb 19.95

Salam al Fayed, an Arab-American, is a Navy Seal with a heroic past and a troubled conscience. On tour in the Gulf, 'Fade' is involved in a street incident and shot, and it takes his team six months to find him and get him out. When they do, it's to discover a bullet lodged next to his spine. Expensive, experimental surgery would be able to get the bullet out, but the US Government decides it's not included in his healthcare insurance and washes their hands of him. Two years later, Matt Egan is brought in under the Homeland Security umbrella to help create a division that will ensure the safety of America's citizens. They need a man on the team with an Arab background and Fade fits the bill. It's Egan's job to bring him back into the game, whatever his doubts. But Fade is holding a grudge, and he's a man with nothing to lose. (American)





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*Artie Cohen #6.* Artie has just married Maxine and is about to take time out of the city with her when two events pull him back - the apparent murder of a friend and the appearance of his former girlfriend, Lily, their break-up never fully resolved. 2005 (American)

### Fresh Kills 343pp Tp 32.95

*Artie Cohen #7.* Artie is alone in Manhattan when his nephew Billy is released from the young offenders' institution where he has been since he stabbed a man to death. But Billy is not the scarred child-victim portrayed by the press and in the weekend that follows his return, Artie is swept into a case that faces him with some terrible choices. 2006 (American)

### Lisa MISCIONE



**Twice 374pp Pb 16.95**  
*Lydia Strong Thriller #3.* Julian Ross, a brilliant and acclaimed New York City artist, has been charged with brutally killing her second husband. She was found at the scene, hysterical, over his bloody, lifeless corpse. She maintains her innocence, but the cops are having trouble believing her: 10 years ago, Julian was indicted and acquitted of murdering her first husband in exactly the same way. It's up to Lydia and her partner, P I Jeff Mark, to clear Julian's name. (American)

### Dreda Say MITCHELL



**Running Hot 303pp Pb 27.95**  
What's the best thing about Hackney? The bus outta here! And that's exactly where Elijah 'Schoolboy' Campbell needs to be in a week's time, heading out of London's underworld. He's taking a great offer to leave it all behind and start a new life, but the problem is, he's got no spare cash. The possibility of lining his pockets becomes real when he stumbles across a mobile phone. But it's marked property, and the Street won't care that he found it by accident. The Street won't care that the phone is his last chance to change his life. And he can't give it back because the door to redemption is only open for seven days. (English)

### Joanne PENCE



**Cooks Overboard 287pp Pb 16.95**  
*An Angie Amalfii Mystery.* Food writer and culinary entrepreneur Angie Amalfi imagined it would be heaven aboard the cruise ship bound for Acapulco with her homicide detective boyfriend, Paavo Smith. With no crowds or pending police business, it might even provide Paavo with the perfect opportunity to propose. But her Love Boat fantasy starts springing leaks almost immediately, beginning with the cook's bizarre attempt to jump ship in the middle of the ocean! But it's not until she offers to help out in the galley, and murder is abruptly added to the menu, that Angie finds herself heading into dangerous waters indeed. 1998 (American)

### Otto PENZLER (ed)



**Murder in the Rough 393pp Pb 29.95**  
Lawrence Block, Simon Brett, HRF Keating, Ian Rankin and many others deliver up an ace anthology of original short stories that mix murder and mystery on the fairway. (American)

### Anne PERRY



**Angels in the Gloom 375pp Pb 19.95**  
*World War I Mystery #3.* March 1916. Joseph Reavley is on sick leave, finding recovery slow and hard. His sister Hannah is caring for him at home and it's a delight to them both when Shanley Corcoran, an old friend, comes to visit. Corcoran confides in Joseph that he's come very close to completing an invention that will paralyse the deadly German U-boats. Soon afterwards, the leading scientist on that project is found murdered and it's clear that someone has been betraying secrets to the enemy. Joseph's brother Matthew, of the SIS, comes down to investigate and together they embark on a search to solve the crime and lead them to the spy. (Scottish)

### Chris PETIT



**The Passenger 386pp Tp 29.95**  
James Collard and his son Nick are flying from Frankfurt to New York for Christmas in 1988. Collard (in part because of a last-minute work meeting, in part because a strange old man told him not to get on the plane) gets off in London. Later that night, he learns the plane exploded over Lockerbie. Initially concerned to discover whether his son made the flight, Collard gets dragged into the mystery of who put the bomb on the plane, and whether a legendary old spook called James Jesus Angleton - who died three years before - was somehow involved. (English)

### Henry PORTER



**Brandenburg 553pp Pb 19.95**  
The Communist government in East Germany is on the brink of collapse. Even the Stasi, one of the most formidable intelligence agencies of all time, can't stop the rebellion that ends in the fall of the Berlin Wall. Dr Rudi Rosenharte is an academic from Dresden and an agent for MI6. He faces a stark choice when his security is compromised. Should he jump ship and defect to the West, leaving his beloved family to the mercies of the Stasi, or return to East Germany to carry out a dangerous assignment under the Stasi's suspicious eye? (English)



**Malcolm PRYCE****The Unbearable Lightness of Being in Aberystwyth****259pp Pb 22.95**

There is nothing unusual about the barrel-organ man who walks into PI Louie Knight's office. Apart from the fact that he's lost his memory. And his monkey is a former astronaut. And he's carrying a suitcase that he's too terrified to open. And he wants a murder investigated, a murder that took place 100 years ago. And it needs to be solved within a week. Louie is too smart to take on such a case, but too broke to turn it down. So he is soon lost in a labyrinth of intrigue and terror, tormented at every turn by a gallery of mad nuns, gangsters and waifs, and haunted by the loss of his girlfriend, Myfanwy, who has disappeared after being fed drugged raspberry ripple. (English)

**Sarah RAYNE****Roots of Evil****584pp Pb 19.95**

Lucy Trent is used to having the legend of her disreputable grandmother disinterred from time to time. The infamous silent-screen actress Lucretia von Wolff, whose lovers were legion and whose scandals were numerous, died in a bizarre double murder and suicide at the Ashwood film studios in 1952. Lucy rather enjoys Lucretia's legend, although most of the family would prefer it was quietly forgotten. But when a body is found in the now-derelict studios, brutalised in a macabre echo of the 50-year-old case, disturbing facts about the past begin to emerge. (American)

**Nora ROBERTS****Blue Smoke****437pp Pb 19.95**

The blaze that night at her family's pizzeria changed young Reena Hale's life. Neighbours and relatives would help the Hales rebuild. The Baltimore authorities would arrest the arsonist responsible. But as Reena beheld the fire's brutal beauty and destructive power, her destiny began to take shape. She would understand and master its terrible force, one day becoming an investigator herself. But she is not the only one fascinated by the flames. Someone else sees their power and is obsessed not with conquering the fire, but with controlling it, owning it, using it to exact vicious revenge... (American)

**Patrick ROBINSON****Hunter Killer****630pp Pb 21.95**

Stunned and outraged by the extravagant lifestyles of the Saudi Arabian Royal Family, the Crown Prince and heir to the throne recruits France to help him overthrow the Saudi ruler. With the aid of French hunter-killer submarines, the Prince plans to inflict heavy damage on the massive oil installations and loading docks on the shores of the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf, thus destroying the Saudi oil industry and bankrupting the monarch. (English)

**Peter ROBINSON****Meet Inspector Banks: Gallows View / A Dedicated Man / A Necessary End****742pp Tp 32.95**

Former London policeman Alan Banks relocated to Yorkshire, seeking some small measure of peace. Unfortunately, depravity and violence are not unique to large cities. His new home, the quaint little village of Eastdale, seems to have more than its fair share of malefactors. In this collection of Inspector Banks' first three cases in Yorkshire, Robinson introduces a detective as brilliant as he is complex. These intricately plotted, gritty novels of suspense lay the foundation for the acclaimed detective series. Robinson has been awarded both the *CWA Dagger in the Library* and the *Edgar Award*. (Canadian)

**Alan RUSSELL****Political Suicide****371pp Pb 16.95**

Will Travis, an investigator who specialises in small-time jobs (like looking into employee theft at hotels and bars), falls into a much bigger case when he unwittingly foils a murder attempt on a politician's daughter. Sitting in a hotel bar, he sees a man drop something into a woman's drink, then watches as she begins to lose consciousness. Unable to sit by and watch, he comes to her rescue, only to be nearly killed by a hitman out to get her. (American)

**John SANDFORD****Broken Prey****385pp Pb 18.95**

The first corpse is found on a riverbank. The second in an isolated farmhouse. Both have been savagely beaten, the skin flayed from their bodies, their throats cut. For both victims, there is a DNA match. Charlie Pope, a convicted sex offender recently released from the Minnesota Security Hospital, has cut himself free from his court-imposed ankle bracelet and disappeared. Now all Lucas Davenport has to do is find him. But something about this case doesn't smell right. (American)

**Zoe SHARP****Road Kill****391pp Pb 19.95**

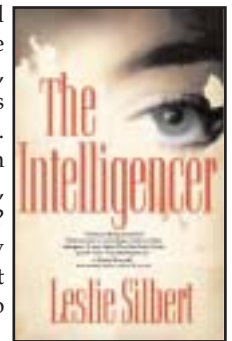
*Charlie Fox Mystery #5*. Still bearing the emotional scars from her traumatic first body-guarding job in the States, Charlie Fox returns to her former home to try to work out both her personal and professional future. Instead of the peace she's hoping for, Charlie is immediately caught up in the aftermath of a fatal bike crash involving one of her closest friends. The more she probes, the more she suspects the accident was far from accidental. The only way to find out who wants her dead is to infiltrate a group of illegal road racers who appear hell-bent on living fast and dying young... (English)

**James SIEGEL****Detour****420pp Pb 19.95**

Central Park, New York. It was the small girl chasing a pink balloon that had given Paul and Joanna the idea to end five years of failing to conceive and to adopt instead. Which is why they are travelling to the Santa Regina orphanage in Columbia, to meet their new daughter. It will be a new beginning in their lives. But not the new beginning they were expecting. Columbia is a dangerous place, particularly for a foreigner with a wife and daughter to protect. Captured by leftwing militia, Paul is given a task - he has 18 hours to get a deadly consignment to an address in New York. He dare not be late. He dare not dial 911. Because if the delivery doesn't arrive, he'll never see his newly created family ever again. (American)

**Leslie SILBERT****The Intelligencer****336pp Pb 19.95**

On 30 May 1593, London's most popular playwright was stabbed to death. The royal coroner ruled that Christopher Marlowe was killed in self defence, but historians have long suspected otherwise, given his role as an 'intelligencer' in the queen's secret service. In 16th century London, Marlowe embarks on his final assignment, hoping to find his missing muse, as well as the culprits behind a high-stakes smuggling scheme. In present-day New York, grad student turned PI Kate Morgan is called in on an urgent matter. One of her firm's top clients, a London-based financier, has chanced upon a mysterious manuscript that had been buried for centuries - one that someone, somewhere is desperate to steal. What secret lurks in those yellowed, ciphered pages? And how, so many years later, could it drive someone to kill? (American)

**Pierre SOUVESTRE****Fantomas****297pp Pb 25.00**

A noblewoman is hacked to death in her chateau, a Russian princess is boldly robbed at a posh hotel, and a lord's lifeless body is found stuffed into a trunk. Everyone recognises the deeds of Fantômas, a master of disguise whose daring and diabolical crimes paralyse Parisians with terror. One man has sworn to bring the phantom killer to justice: Inspector Juve, who ventures from dark alleys to brilliant salons in his relentless pursuit of the evil genius. 1915. (French)

**Erica SPINDLER****Copycat 412pp Tp 29.95**

Five years ago, three young victims were found dead, posed like little angels. There were no witnesses. Strangely clean scenes. The Sleeping Angel Killer called his despicable acts "the perfect crimes". The case immobilised the close-knit community of Rockford, Illinois and nearly destroyed homicide detective Kitt Lundgren's career - and her life. During the investigation, Kitt tragically lost her own child to illness. Overwhelmed by the death of her daughter, the final blow was the crushing realisation that she had let the killer get away. Now the Sleeping Angel Killer is back... (American)

**Mariah STEWART****Dead End 326pp Pb 18.95**

Two years ago, a major FBI undercover drug deal suddenly went south and special agent Dylan Shields went down in a hail of bullets. When the dust cleared, his fellow agent (and fiancée) Anne Marie McCall was left alone with too many unanswered questions and nothing to do but hit the job as hard as she could to dull the pain. Only now is Annie allowing herself a chance at happiness, thanks to detective Evan Crosby. But first she must grapple with a dangerous past and the demons that won't let her sleep... (American)

**Mike STEWART****Clean Kill 341pp Pb 16.95**

When a young woman asks Tom to investigate her mother's death in a small-town hospital, his first instinct is to refuse the case. But as the woman reveals the suspicious circumstances of a simple food poisoning turned deadly, he reluctantly finds himself intrigued. As Tom and his investigator, Joey, delve into the mother's death, an attempt is made on Tom's life, the state bar threatens disbarment, and he finds himself accused of murdering a fellow lawyer. With the help of a beautiful Asian-American psychologist-turned-jury expert, his search for the truth uncovers a conspiracy of jury-rigging beginning at the highest levels of government and backed up by cold-blooded killers. (American)

**James SWAIN****Deadman's Bluff 368pp Pb 16.95**

*Tony Valentine Mystery # 6.* A blind poker player named Skip DeMarco is scamming the world's largest poker tournament in Las Vegas, and cheating-expert Tony Valentine and his son, Gerry, have been hired to find out how. DeMarco is tied to some dangerously desperate characters who will go to any extreme - even cold-blooded murder - to ensure that the obnoxious DeMarco wins big. (American)

**Aline TEMPLETON****Darkness and the Deep 391pp Tp 32.95**

The wreck of the *Knockhaven* lifeboat with the loss of all three of its crew is a hard blow for the small Scottish town. But it's harder still when DS Tam MacNee discovers that it isn't simply a tragic accident. Was it just the act of vandals, bored in a fishing port stricken with unemployment? Could it be linked to the drugs trade which has taken root in the locality? Or is there someone who, in their determination to kill one person, is callous enough to take two innocent lives? As DI Marjory Fleming and her team investigate multiple murders, with a whole community hungry for justice, the pressure - professional and personal - is on. (English)

**P J TRACY****Dead Run 420pp Pb 19.95**

Computer game experts Grace MacBride and Annie Belinsk are en route to Green Bay following reports of a serial killer when their car breaks down deep in the northern woods - and near an eerily quiet town where the phone lines are dead and no one is in sight. But when they witness a double murder, they find themselves running for their lives. (American)

**Gary TROUP****Bad Twin 258pp Hb 48.00***Lost tie-in.*

Paul Artisan, PI is a new version of an old breed - a righter of wrongs, someone driven to get to the bottom of things. His latest gig turns on the disappearance of one of a pair of twins, adult scions of a rich, but tragedy-prone, family. The missing twin - a charismatic poster-boy for irresponsibility - has spent his life daring people to hate him, punishing himself endlessly for his screw-ups and misdeeds. The other twin - Artisan's client - is dutiful and resentful in equal measure, bewildered that his 'other half' could have turned out so badly. He has a more practical reason for wanting his brother found: their crazy father, in failing health and with guilty secrets of his own, will not divide the family fortune until both siblings are accounted for. In September 2004, just days after delivering this novel to the publisher, Gary Troup boarded Oceanic Flight 815, which was lost in-flight between Sydney and Los Angeles. Tragically, he remains missing and is presumed dead. (American)

**Andrew VACHSS****Two Trains Running 447pp Tp 32.95**

*Non Series.* It is 1959 - a moment in history when the clandestine, powerful forces that will shape America are about to collide. Walker Dett is a hired gun, known for using the most extreme measures to accomplish his missions. Royal Beaumont is the "hillbilly boss" who turned Locke City from a dying town into a thriving capital of vice. But organised crime outsiders are moving in on Beaumont's turf, so he reaches out for Dett in a high-risk move to maintain his power at all costs. Add a rival Irish political machine, a deeply entrenched neo-Nazi 'party', the nascent black power movement, turf-disputing juvenile gangs, a muck-raking journalist who doubles as a blackmailer, the FBI - a covert observer and an occasional participant that may itself be under surveillance - and Locke City is about as stable as a nitro-glycerine truck stalled on the railroad tracks. (American)

**Guy WALTERS****The Colditz Legacy****401pp Pb 19.95**

In January 1944, six British officers tunneled out of Colditz, the German prison camp that was supposed to be escape-proof. Three were captured after a few hours; three remained on the run - Captain Ben Thomas and Pilot Officer Robert Beauchamp made it to safety, but Lt George Irby was shot as he tried to cross the border. Fifty years later, Thomas and Beauchamp are back in Colditz at a veteran's reunion. As they discuss the war, it becomes clear that Irby may not have died. Thomas and Beauchamp attempt to track down their comrade and discover that Irby was involved in something sinister and far larger than merely trying to escape. (English)

**Christopher WHITCOMB****White 462pp Pb 18.95**

America's fiercest enemies infiltrate the nation's highest offices in the new high-velocity thriller by this former FBI agent and author of *Black* (Pb 18.95). FBI special agent Jeremy Waller has one of the world's most-wanted terrorist masterminds in his sights when his multi-agency task force is blown wide open by the arrival of two American men. Are they an even more top-secret agency whose agenda has crossed with Waller's? Or are they the most dangerous traitors ever to threaten the future of America? (American)



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**James PATTERSON****Beach Road****5 CDs 49.95**

Montauk lawyer Tom Dunleavy's client list is woefully small - occasional real estate closings barely keep him in paper clips. When he is hired to defend a local man accused in a triple murder that has the East Hampton world in an uproar, he knows that he has found the case of his lifetime. Read by Loreli King and Kerry Shale. (American)

**HISTORICAL  
CRIME****Emily BRIGHTWELL****Mrs Jeffries Appeals the Verdict (#20)****211pp Pb 16.95**

When a man is wrongly convicted of a woman's murder, Mrs. Jeffries and her below stairs cohorts have their work cut out for them if they want to save an innocent man from the gallows. (American)

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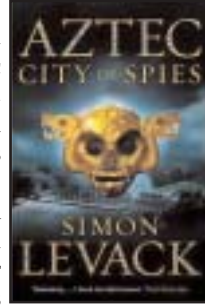
New York 1868. Irish Beatrice is a 'hot corn girl', selling corn-on-the-cob to passers-by, picking their pockets into the bargain. German Georg, arriving in Manhattan on the run from a scandal - or perhaps a crime - back in his native Hamburg, becomes a stableboy, tending circus-owner Barnum's menagerie, until he is framed for an arson attack and finds himself once again on the run. (American)

**Ann GRANGER****A Rare Interest in Corpses****310pp Tp 32.95**

*Lizzie Martin* #1. London 1864. Lizzie Martin takes up the post of 'companion' to a wealthy widow who is also a slum landlord. She is intrigued to learn that her predecessor disappeared, supposedly having run off with an unknown man. But when the girl's body is found in the rubble of one of the recently demolished slums around the prestigious new railway station at St Pancras, she wonders exactly what's been going on. (English)

**Simon LEVACK****City of Spies****333pp Pb 29.95**

*Aztec Mystery* #3. Tetzco, the second city of the Aztec realm, is a bustling, cosmopolitan town; a city of poets, artists and legendary kings. It's also a place torn by unrest, as rival claimants fight over the throne, and spies and assassins stalk each other through the streets and marketplaces. It is here that Yaotl seeks refuge from his master, the Aztec Chief Minister. Lord Feathered-in-Black has decided to rid himself of his disobedient slave and plans to have Yaotl sacrificed in the most gruesome manner possible, provided he can catch him first. (English)

**Anna MACLEAN****Louisa and the Crystal Gazer****271pp Pb 16.95**

*A Louisa May Alcott Mystery*. Louisa is sceptical when her dear friend Sylvia Shattuck expresses a desire to contact her long-dead father through a medium. But she puts her doubts aside to accompany Sylvia to a séance at the home of Boston's most famous crystal gazer. On their second visit they find the medium murdered, and what began as an idle curiosity becomes a compelling investigation. It seems that to solve the mystery of the medium's death, Louisa must first uncover the surprising truth about her life. (American)

**Matthew PEARL****The Poe Shadow****372pp Tp 32.95**

Baltimore 1849. The body of Edgar Allan Poe has been buried in an unmarked grave. The public, the press, and even Poe's own family and friends accept the conclusion that Poe was a second-rate writer who met a disgraceful end as a drunkard. Everyone, in fact, seems to believe this except a young Baltimore lawyer named Quentin Clark, an ardent admirer who puts his own career and reputation at risk in a passionate crusade to salvage Poe's. (American)

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**Steven SAYLOR****A Gladiator Dies Only Once****335pp Pb 21.95**

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**CRIME  
NON-FICTION****Vincent BUGLIOSI****And the Sea Will Tell 729pp Pb 23.95**

Bugliosi reconstructs the events and subsequent trial of a riveting true murder mystery, probing into the dark heart of a serpentine scenario of death that began when four people found hell in paradise. It was the 1960s and two couples separately set sail in search of a peaceful life: a wealthy yachtsman and his wife, an ex-con and his sexy girlfriend. Their destinies converged on a South Pacific island hundreds of miles from civilisation where a savage murder left two of them there forever... (American)

**Alex CASTLES****The Shark Arm Murders: The Thrilling True Story of a Tiger Shark and a Tattooed Arm 182pp Pb 9.95**

One quiet Anzac Day, a giant tiger shark on display in the Coogee public baths coughed up a tattooed arm. What followed was a spellbinding tale of detection in the 1930s Sydney underworld. Alex Castles, professor of law and a graduate of the University of Chicago, thinks he might know the solution to a riddle that has baffled police and scientists for decades. 1995 (Australian)

**Paul CHAMBERS****The Cock Lane Ghost:****Murder, Sex and Haunting in Dr Johnson's London** 246pp Hb 40.00

This is the true story of a series of events that took place in London in the 1760s. Businessman William Kent fell foul of a powerful Norfolk family when he eloped with their daughter, Frances Lynes. The couple fled to London and took lodging in Cock Lane. When Frances died, a mysterious ghostly conspiracy against Kent began, gathering so much momentum that it almost led to him being hung for murder. At the heart of the affair was a story of sexual infatuation, conspiracy, accusations of murder and rape, and the alleged return of the victim from beyond the grave to point out her killer. The case aroused huge popular curiosity and was subject to the insatiable spinning of London's early newspaper industry, ultimately involving figures such as Dr Samuel Johnson. (English)

**Michael FINKEL****True Story**

312pp Pb 27.95

The story begins in February 2002, when a reporter in Oregon contacts *New York Times Magazine* writer Michael Finkel with a startling piece of news. A young, highly intelligent man named Christian Longo, on the FBI's '10 Most Wanted' list for killing his entire family, has recently been captured in Mexico, where he had taken on a new identity - Michael Finkel of the *New York Times*. The next day, on page A-3 of the *Times*, comes another bit of troubling news: a note, written by the paper's editors, explaining that Finkel has falsified parts of an investigative article and has been fired. After Longo's arrest, the only journalist the accused murderer will speak to is the real Michael Finkel. With Longo insisting he can prove his innocence, Finkel strives to uncover what really happened to Longo's family. His quest becomes a psychological cat-and-mouse game. (American)

**Sebastian JUNGER****Death in Belmont**

266pp Tp 32.95

In the spring of 1963, the quiet suburb of Belmont, Massachusetts is rocked by a shocking sex murder that exactly fits the pattern of the Boston Strangler. Sensing a break in the case that has paralysed Boston, the police track down a black man, Roy Smith, who cleaned the victim's house that day and left a receipt with his name on the kitchen counter. Smith is hastily convicted of the Belmont murder, but the terror of the Strangler continues. On the day of the murder, Albert DeSalvo - the man who would eventually confess in lurid detail to the Strangler's crimes - is also in Belmont, working as a carpenter at the Jungers' home. In this spare, powerful narrative, Junger chronicles three lives that collide - and are ultimately destroyed - in the vortex of one of the first and most controversial serial murder cases in America. (American)

**Colin MARTIN****Welcome to Hell: One Man's Fight for Life Inside the Bangkok Hilton**

240pp Pb 24.95

After being swindled out of a fortune, Colin Martin was let down by the Thai police. Forced to rely on his own resources, he tracked down the man who conned him and, drawn into a fight, accidentally stabbed and killed the man's bodyguard. Martin was arrested, denied a fair trial, convicted of murder and thrown into prison, where he remained for eight years. (Australian)

**Kevin McMURRAY****If You Really Loved Me: Two Teenage Girls and a Shocking Double Murder**

247pp Pb 16.95

Carl and Sarah Collier lived in fear of their cold and wild granddaughter, Holly. But when they forbade Holly from spending time with her 16-year-old female lover, Sandy, they set in motion a horrifying plot. Holly and Sandy asked around for a gun. They made a to-do list and told their friends about their plans. Then, one summer night in Georgia, they unleashed an ambush. The scene they left behind would stun hardened investigators... (American)

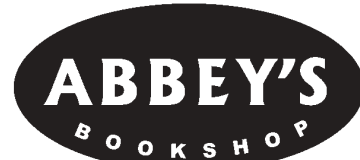
**Mark PROTHERO****Defending Gary**

543pp Hb 39.95

Mark Prothero, the DA who helped save serial killer Gary Ridgway from the death sentence, reveals the true inside story of exactly how an idealistic public defender, high school swim coach, husband and dad could bring himself to spend months of close confinement with a man who brutally murdered at least 75 young women. (American)



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